

immediately transfer from the Superior Court to such general county court all criminal actions pending in the Superior Court of which the general county court has jurisdiction, as in this act conferred, and the general county court shall immediately proceed to try and dispose of such criminal actions.

Transfer of action upon motion.

"SEC. 24-d. The judge of the Superior Court, in term, may transfer to the general county court any action pending in the Superior Court, upon motion, if in his opinion the ends of justice would be best served, such transfer to be upon motion, of which due notice shall be given, and the general county court shall have jurisdiction to try all such civil actions as shall be transferred into it as herein authorized.

Notice of motion.

Civil actions.

Costs in criminal and civil actions.

"SEC. 24-e. Cost in both criminal and civil actions shall be taxed and collected as now provided by law.

Act does not apply to county in which exists court inferior to Superior Court created by special act.

Counties to which act does not apply.

"SEC. 24-f. This act shall not apply to any county in which there has been established a court, inferior to the Superior Court, by whatever name called, by a special act, nor shall this act apply to the following counties: Granville, Iredell, New Hanover, Pasquotank, and Wake, nor shall it apply to the counties in the Sixteenth (16th), Seventeenth (17th), and Nineteenth (19th) Judicial Districts."

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after the date of its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 86

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE TREATMENT FOR INDIGENT TUBERCULAR PATIENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Law amended.

SECTION 1. That chapter one hundred and eighteen of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, article thirteen thereof, be amended by adding after section seven thousand one hundred and seventy-three a new section, numbered seven thousand one hundred and seventy-three (a), as follows: "That the said directors in determining the qualifications for admission for those applying as patients to the institution and in making by-laws and regulations for the governing therein shall not provide or make any by-law, regulation, or qualification for admission therein which shall exclude any patient, otherwise properly qualified for admission, on account of inability to pay for examination and treatment, or either, at said institution. That all indigent patients who otherwise are proper patients for admission in said institution when there is space and accommodation for such patient, shall be received without regard to their indigent condition; but the directors

New section.

Regulations shall not exclude patients because of inability to pay.

Indigent patients, when space permits, shall be received without regard to their indigent condition.